

BIRTH

The P. and O. mail steamer *Ballaarat*, which arrived yesterday, had a large consignment of treasure for Hongkong. Two boxes of sovereigns, valued at £4,000, were transferred at Colombo from the P. and O. *Britannia* to the *Ballaarat*.

On Tuesday, Mr J. W. Jones will deliver a lecture on 'Imperial Federation,' under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, in the Chamber of Commerce Room at the City Hall. Sir John W. Carrington, C.M.G., will preside.

which have been very heavy, seem to have passed off well, and the market, which for several stocks ruled rather weak during the early part of the week, is closing much stronger. The Rates of Exchange on Shanghai have not undergone any alteration.

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THE *L. and C. Express* says:—Work is about to be commenced by the Church Missionary Society at Wu shan, the new

missionary society at Wu-chow, the new treaty port on the West River. The Rev. L. Byrde, immediately on landing at Hong-kong, went up to Wu-chow to look around, and as a result of this visit it has been

settled by Bishop Hoare that Mr and Mrs Byrde should take up residence at that place.

The departure of the cruiser *Aurora* from Plymouth for China was delayed until 4th March, some minor defects having been

discovered. The *Orlando*, cruiser, Captain J. H. T. Burke, was inspected at Portsmouth on 2nd March by Admiral Sir

Michael Culms-Beymour, Commander-in-Chief. After swinging to adjust compasses, he called on March 8, for Ohlin to relieve the Narcissus, cruise, Captain G. F. King-Hall.

ONLY such portion of the garrison for, Wa-
hal-Wel, as is expected to be raised during
the current year has been inserted in the
Army Estimates. Artillery: 128 of all

anks. Engineers: Five officers and 48 men. Infantry: Two-eighths of a battalion, 233 of all ranks. Colonial Corps: Infantry, 200 of all ranks. Drums and 6

One officer and three men of the Royal Army Medical Corps, one of the Army Ordnance Corps, and one of the Army Pay Corps. Total of all ranks, 1,112.—*Staff*

for Engineer Services.—Military clerk and draughtsman, £100; military foreman of works, £115. Total, £215. Postage and contingencies, £10.

In the House of Commons, on February 28, Mr McKenna, on behalf of Mr Stanhope, asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether his attention had been

directed to the unfortunate accident by which, in the recent fighting at Manila, one Englishman, Mr C. F. Simpson, lost his life, and another, Mr Haslam, was wounded; and whether Her Majesty's Govern-

ment would cause inquiry to be made, and, should the circumstances permit, make friendly representations to the Government of the United States in view of procuring

some pecuniary compensation to the families concerned. Mr Brodrick—Her Majesty's Consul at Manila has reported the fact by telegraph and will doubtless furnish a full report on the subject. This must be

awaited before Her Majesty's Government
can form any opinion on the points raised
in the latter portion of the question.

the annual performance at Victoria's Grand Theatre, under the patronage of H.E. the Governor and the General, was well attended and admirably conducted. A distinct feature was the comic songs of Mr Will Marlow of

M.M.S. Narcissus. His facial contortions and broad humour were obviously amusing to a large portion of the audience. Sultan unsuccessfully repeated his arithmetic exercises. The sums were solved with such

precision as to suggest the thought that if there be collusion the perception by the horse of signs totally undetected by any watcher in the audience is little less remarkable than passing without a trial.

markable than a genuine arithmetical faculty would be. The feat of the evening was the trapeze act of the sisters Warren who showed great dexterity, skill and nerve in their return act. When the circus revisits

We are glad to learn of the success of Mr Ernest J. Coxon, who will be remembered

by many residents as champion tennis player and a keen cricketer in Hongkong. A Cheshire paper contains the following note :—

art Gallery, Liverpool, and who remember the generous baronet whose name is identified with that famous institution, will have noticed with feelings of pleasure the portrait of the worthy baronet's lovely young granddaughter—Miss Dorothy Court, of

Manor House, Middleswich. The portrait is the work of Mr Ernest Coxon, the well-known Hongkong cricketer, who, as a painter, especially as a portrait painter, is rapidly climbing the ladder of fame. The excellent positions gained by his works at

London, foreshadow a very successful career for him. Mr. Coxon is now engaged on another portrait of local interest, that of Miss Evelyn Court.

Is the blood diseased the body is diseased. — Remember that the Blood, whether pure or impure, circulates through the organs of the human body — Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain. If it is laden with poisonous matter it spreads disease on its course. In cases of Scrofula, Scars, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood

Discharges, Simples, and Sores of all kinds the effects of Clarke's Blood Mixture are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold everywhere at 25. 9d. per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1899.

AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES

CAPTURE OF MALOLOS.
Feeble Resistance.

REBELS BURN AGUINALDO'S HEADQUARTERS.
(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent with the U. S. Army.)

MANILA, March 31, 8.30 p.m.
After weeks of hard fighting, the troops slept last night two miles from Malolos, the headquarters of the rebels.

At 6.40 to-day, the artillery shelled the fighting line, the regiments taking part in the engagement being the Third Artillery, the Montanas, Kansas, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Nebraska.

They were supported by the Oregon, the Twenty-second Infantry, Minnesota, and Colorado.

After half-an-hour's shelling, the troops captured the city, the rebels making a very feeble resistance.

The rebels fled Aguinaldo's headquarters and other houses, and then retired upon Calumpit.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.
That the uncertain feeling about the Kowloon Extension appears to have caught hold of the 'man in the street.'

That I don't always believe in this gentleman, although it cannot be denied some fragments of wisdom may be picked up even from this gossamer wayfarer.

That your remarks must have been based upon something more than the 'grip' of the street, as I have heard the gist of them from persons who ought to be in a position to state much more than the talk of the street.

That I do not quite look upon the present position in as serious a light as you do, that it may be, if one of two of the authorities of the H.K. Government get entangled about and get a show holiday in Hongkong, the sum total of local sentiment to the department concerned may not amount to what is called in diplomacy 'an appreciable quantity.'

That the inconvenience to the gentlemen knocked about might not be very great, but the trouble and worry over such a thing would be a real official grievance.

That I am now referring to despatches and the official dread of writing them—which appears to be the sum and substance of the origin of every mistake made in our so-called diplomacy.

That the stereotyped phrase is, 'For Heaven's sake keep out of it! It is trouble,' and the inevitable result is quite the reverse of every intention—trouble and worry, and worry and trouble.

That it seems reasonable, now that a portion of the new territory is ours, to take some measures to inform the population of the fact.

That the only thing which will bring this fact forcibly to the knowledge of the natives is a display of force.

That so long as this display of force is withheld, so long will the risk be run of a change arising of what is known as 'frictions.'

That as we have the force here it would not be a very difficult thing to do the right thing.

That it seems to me, and to many others, a wise thing to take precautions.

That the only reason why we have heard to say, 'What price red tape?' is that the unjustifiable attack by Dr. Doberck, the Kowloon star-gazer, upon the worthy 'etiological advisers of Manila, has apparently missed fire, and brought back upon the self-sufficient and unfortunately tempered Hongkong official.

That the entire Community must have been highly pleased to note the hearty approval of the Manila Observatory work shown from Manila itself.

That most residents here would also be extremely glad to see the letter of Father Froese, of the Ziowai Observatory, near Shanghai.

That these two institutions—Manila and Ziowai—have been devoting their time freely and successfully for the benefit of the mercantile and shipping communities of the Far East for years past, and yet our great Hongkong-paid star-gazer (who knows little or nothing of meteorology and storm-warnings as a science) has insulted the Directors of both institutions.

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VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

FIFTH ATHLETIC MEETING.

Patrons:—His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, G.O.M.G.; Chief Justice Sir John W. Carrington, C.M.G.; His Excellency Major-General W. J. Gascoigne, C.M.G.; Commodore F. Powell, C.B.; Hon. R. D. O'Connell; Colonel Henry Elsdale, R.E.; Lieut.-Col. R. B. Mahwahing, R.W.F.; Lieut.-Col. The O'Gorman, D.A.A.G.A.

Committee:—Capt. W. O. H. Hastings, R.N.; (Chairman); Mr. W. Armstrong; Mr. G. A. Caldwell; Mr. A. Denison; Mr. G. L. Duncan; Mr. F. Lamont; Mr. Thos. H. Telford; Mr. E. D. Sanders; Mr. M. A. A. Souza.

Judges:—Dr. J. M. Atkinson; Capt. W. O. H. Hastings, R.N.; Mr. E. D. Sanders. Referee:—Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G.

Hundredweights:—Mr. F. Lamont; Lieut. Castle, R.A.; Mr. A. Denison; Lieut. R. B. Johnson, R.W.F.; Lieut. H. Strong, R.M.L.I.

Clerks of the Course:—Dr. J. A. Lawson; Capt. C. F. Mould, R.E.; Mr. E. W. Mitchell.

Starters:—Mr. G. A. Caldwell; Mr. A. Denison.

Time Keeper:—Mr. E. Jones Hughes.

Acting Treasurer:—Mr. W. Hutton Potts.

Acting Hon. Secretary:—Mr. W. S. Bailey.

SATURDAY, April 1.

The weather was threatening all day, and in the afternoon a slight drizzle commenced. The sports this year were held on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club. The ground stand was well filled with ladies and gentlemen, and round the ropes there was a large number of spectators.

Mr. Liabore, the steward of the Club, had made excellent arrangements for the sports. The old time fashion of athletics appears to be giving place to cycling contests, in which there were some interesting races. By kind permission of Captain Schomberg and officers of H.M.S. 'Victoria,' the Band of the warship played some pleasing selections of music reminiscent of the pantomime. At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. Gascoigne presented the prizes to the successful competitors. The following are the results of the competitions:—

LONG JUMP.—(Three tries). Prize presented by Messrs David Sassoon, Sons & Co. Entries:—J. M. S. Machado, G. Tuohy, H. S. Boyan, P. Hyndman and F. H. Kew. F. H. Kew won.

THE WINNER SECURED FIRST PLACE WITH A JUMP OF 18.3.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—(Three tries). Prize presented by Hongkong Cricket Club. Entries:—J. M. S. Machado, G. Tuohy, G. R. Vallings, P. Hyndman, and J. Noble. J. M. S. Machado won.

THROWING THE HAMMER.—(16 lbs.). Winners at previous meetings or elsewhere to be penalised five feet. Prize presented by Hongkong Cricket Club. Entries:—Lieut. W. Loring, R.A.; P. Hyndman, William Gerrard, and J. Noble. William Gerrard won with a throw of 96 feet. Hyndman and Machado appeared to fill up the entries.

120 YARDS FLAT RACE (HANDICAP).—First Prize, presented by G. C. M. Foster, Esq.; Second Prize, presented by F. H. Kew. Entries:—A. Ellis, 2 F. H. Kew and A. L. Sutton. Time—1:34 secs.

Second Heat.—Lieut. H. M. V. Remedios. Time 1:37.

Final.
Lieutenant Hall 1
F. H. Kew 2
Time—1:34. F. H. Kew won the race last year in the same time.

BICYCLE RACE.—ONE MILE (HANDICAP).—Start in Saddle. First Prize, presented by Ho Tung Esq. Second Prize presented by Ho Tung Esq.

Entries:—A. McKirdy, A. A. Alves, J. C. Logan, T. Benning, A. E. Alves, F. M. Roza Pereira, M. E. Aggar, P. Hyndman, J. Noble, H. M. Bain, E. S. Ford, and A. Humphreys.

T. Benning (120 yards) 1
A. Humphreys (200 yards) 2
A. McKirdy (Scratch) 3
Time—2:22.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE (CHALLENGE CUP). Presented by the Victoria Recreation Club. To be won three times; First Prize, presented by R. Sheehan; First Prize, presented by R. Sheehan.

Entries:—H. S. Boyan, Lieut. F. H. H. Hall, F. H. Kew, W. Armstrong, C. T. Kew, J. M. V. Remedios, P. Hyndman and R. Lapsley.

F. H. Kew 1
Lieut. Hall 2
Time—1:14. F. H. Kew has reduced his time for this event from 1:18 to 1:14, 104 seconds in 1897, 104 seconds in 1898 to 1:14 seconds this year.

BICYCLE RACE.—Two Miles. (Handicap).—Start in Saddle. First Prize, presented by the Hon. J. J. Bell Irving; Second and Third Prizes, presented by the Hon. J. J. Bell Irving.

600 YARDS FLAT RACE (HANDICAP).

First Prize, presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B. Second Prize presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B.

Entries:—F. H. Kew, W. Armstrong, C. T. Kew, H. S. Boyan, A. L. Sutton and P. Hyndman.

Second Heat.
Entries:—J. M. V. Remedios, R. Lapsley, Lieut. F. H. H. Hall, A. Ellis and Ed. Robinson.

The race was run off in one heat. Time—2:41 seconds.

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—100 yards. Prizes presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B.

Entries:—M. E. Aggar, and J. H. Gubbins; H. Abraham, and F. G. Chummet; J. M. V. Remedios, and F. H. Kew; E. S. Ford, and A. E. Aggar.

F. S. Ford and A. E. Aggar 1
Time—1:14 secs.

TWO OF WAR.—8 men a side. (Open). To be pulled over 15 fms. Best of Three pulls. No spikes or nails allowed. No sitting down. No holds to be dug in the ground before pulling. Prize presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B.

Entries:—Victoria Recreation Club v. 'Victorious'—Welsh Fusiliers v. Asiatic Artillery.

First Heat.—Victoria, a bye.
Second Heat.—Royal Welch Fusiliers. The first pull was won by the Asiatic Artillery in 1:11 seconds. In the second pull, the Welsh Fusiliers walked away with their opponents in 1:13 seconds. The third pull was fairly contested, occupying 2:04 seconds.

Final.—Royal Welch Fusiliers. The Fusiliers won easily in two pulls of sixteen and fourteen seconds' duration.

GIRLS RACE, 100 YARDS (HANDICAP).—Open to Girls between ages of 8 and 12. First and Second Prizes presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B.

Entries:—A. L. Sutton, 1
Louisa Silva 2
Gertrude Baker 3
Time—1:17.

ONE MILE FLAT RACE (HANDICAP).—First Prize, presented by H. E. Major-General W. J. Gascoigne, C.M.G.; Second Prize presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B.

Entries:—H. W. Looker, J. S. Bruce, R. Lapsley, G. Tuohy, J. H. Logan, Jr., L. R. Kew, J. A. Moller, A. L. Sutton, J. H. Gubbins, C. M. C. V. Ribeiro, P. Hyndman, D. E. Carvalho, A. Humphreys, and L. E. Lamont.

A. Humphreys (100 yards) 1
D. E. Carvalho (100 yards) 2
Time—5:2 sec.

120 YARDS VETERANS' RACE (HANDICAP).—Competitors to be over 35 years of age and not less than 10 years residence in India, China, or the tropics; 15 years start to be given for each year over 35 years of age. First Prize, presented by the Hon. C. P. Chatter, C.M.G.; Second Prize presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B.

Entries:—C. H. Thompson, Ed. Robinson, A. V. M. Roza Pereira, Sr., J. H. Logan, Sr., and Neil McDonald.

Neil McDonald (434 yards) 1
Ed Robinson (12 yards) 2
Time—1:21 seconds.

BOYS' RACE, 440 YARDS (HANDICAP).—Post entries before 2 p.m. Open to all Boys over 12 and under 16. Handicap at the post, age to be stated on entry. First Prize presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B.

C. Alves 1
J. Lopez 2
Time—1:53.

BICYCLE RACE, THREE MILES (HANDICAP).—Start in Saddle. First Prize, presented by the Hon. E. R. Bellings, C.M.G.; Second and Third Prizes presented by Commodore F. Powell, C.B.

Entries:—A. McKirdy, A. A. Alves, J. C. Logan, Lieut. G. B. Thornhill, A. E. Alves, F. M. Roza Pereira, T. Benning, P. Hyndman, H. S. Boyan, W. Looker, F. H. Kew, J. A. Moller, W. Armstrong, C. T. Kew, J. M. V. Remedios and P. Hyndman.

A. McKirdy (500 yards) 1
T. Benning (Scratch) 2
A. E. Alves (400 yards) 3
Time—McKirdy, 8:52; Benning, 9:23.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., was held to-day in the office of the General Manager, Messrs Shaw, Tynes and Co., Mr. O. A. Jones presiding. The officers present were:—Messrs N. A. Siele, D. J. Gillies and J. H. Lewis (Directors); W. J. Saunders, Fung Wa Chuen and Ho Book.

The notice calling the meeting having been read, the Chairman stated the business of the meeting, and proposed the following resolution:—That the capital of the company be increased from 100,000 to the position of 1,000 new shares of 500 each, such increase to be made up by the conversion into capital of \$50,000 of the present profits or earnings of the company.

Mr. W. J. Saunders seconded. Carried. This was all the business.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ALLEGED SERVING OF A WRIT ON AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN HONGKONG.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE 'CHINA MAIL,'
Hongkong, 1st April, 1899.

Sir, I have to request that you print the following, as it is a very clear and concise statement of the facts, and is of great importance to the public. It is a statement of the facts, and is of great importance to the public.

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ALICE MEMORIAL AND NETHERSOLE HOSPITALS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals was held at the Alice Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., presiding. There were also present the Rev. T. W. Power, Mr. G. Murray Bain, Mr. A. McDonnell, Mr. Wong Shing, Dr. J. C. Thomson, Mr. McKendrick (Treasurer), and Dr. R. M. Gibson (Medical Missionary Superintendent and Secretary).

The first business was the election of chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Murray Bain, in proposing the re-election of the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, said they might go round among all the officials and unofficial gentlemen in the colony and fail to find a better Chairman. He might also take this opportunity of congratulating the Hon. Mr. Lockhart upon his election as Rector of the College of Medicine, which was a kindred institution.

Dr. Gibson seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman, in returning thanks, testified to the great help he had always received from the Finance Committee.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.
The annual report and statement of accounts were then submitted. (The report will be found on the fifth page.)

Mr. McKendrick, in forwarding the Treasurer's report, said that notwithstanding the fact that they had a handsome balance of \$1,200 to go forward with, they must not run away with the idea that they had more money than they could do with.

Dr. Thomson, in proposing the adoption of the report, said that the position of the hospitals was a very sound and respectable one. They had some \$30,000 yielding permanent income, the income from invested funds last year being \$1,778.50, which was a very good round sum, especially for their yearly expenditure. At the same time, while the hospital was in a satisfactory position, he thought they wanted to bear in mind that a great deal remained to be done. He thought the work had been carried on with the most right economy at every possible point. If more funds were available a great deal more satisfactory work could be done. If their funds were full, as they might be if they continued to take all the steady cases that fell, they would necessarily spend more money than they did. Dr. Thomson added that in moving the adoption of the report he would also like to include a vote of thanks to Mr. McKendrick for the arduous work he had done during the past year. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. T. W. Power seconded, and the motion was heartily carried.

Mr. McKendrick, in returning thanks, testified to the valuable assistance rendered to him by Mrs. Gibson.

The Chairman congratulated Dr. Gibson on the great success which had attended his efforts during his first complete term of office as superintendent. Owing to their funds being limited they were not able to do quite as much as they would like to do, and in that connection he should like to repeat what he had stated on previous occasions when presiding at that and similar meetings, and that was that he thought Chinese, who were the people benefited by the institution, should contribute more largely than they did at present towards the institution. (Hear, hear.) As the population of the colony increased, and especially the Chinese population, he thought his friend Mr. Wong Shing would agree with him that the time had arrived when the Chinese should come forward more liberally than hitherto, and he was certain that when the facts were more clearly laid before them than perhaps had been hitherto, they would respond liberally to the call for contributions, especially when they were in mind that it was their countrymen who principally benefited. They would all join with him in an expression of sincere regret at the death of plague of Dr. U. I. Kai, the house surgeon at the Nethersole Hospital. (Hear, hear.) The loss sustained by his death was a very great one, as he was generally looked upon as a very able man, in his profession. After alluding to the fact that Mrs. Stevens was taking a well-earned holiday, the Chairman added that he thought they ought to record their thanks to the Hon. Mr. Chuen, comprising of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, for acting as leader of the Chinese committee in the collection of funds during the year, and seeing that he had performed his duties so satisfactorily he did not think they could do better than ask him to continue as the leader. (Hear, hear.)

This was all the business.

THE HONGKONG DOCK AND NAVAL YARD.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In the House of Commons on March 2, Sir Charles Dilke asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether, when the *Victorious* was sent to the China Station, it was the belief of the Admiralty that she could be docked at Hongkong; whether this had been found to be too dangerous; what progress is being made in the execution of the plan for the addition to the Hongkong Naval Yard; and whether the arrangements with the Hongkong Dock Company for the construction of a large dock have fallen through.

